

SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY WITHHOLDING PLAN

- The withholding in the Department of Public Safety is \$3.6 million, which is 7.8 percent of the department's general revenue budget (8.5 percent of its reserve base).
- The plan focuses on administrative and peripheral program savings in order to minimize the impact on core safety and anti-crime services provided to citizens. The plan calls first for maintaining 40 vacant positions and reducing expenses for travel, supplies, professional development and equipment, but does include program cuts and will require the layoff of 44 full-time and four part-time employees.
- The Missouri National Guard's Show-Me Challenge boot camp will be canceled and 44 full-time and four part-time employees laid off. This program is not considered mission-critical for the Guard.
- The National Guard's core functions are protected, including the funding for the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA).
- State support of free firefighter training will be reduced by \$171,286, requiring fire departments and fire protection districts to cover a greater share of their training costs.
- General revenue support of DARE supply purchases and related expenses will be reduced by \$23,130.
- Criminal justice grants and assistance programs will meet current obligations:
 - However, general revenue available for grants to regional crime labs will be limited to Fiscal Year 2002 final spending authority.
 - All accepted grant awards for funding from the Local Government and School District Partnership Program will be honored with newly available, but non-recurring federal funds in place of the general revenue funds withheld.
 - While the Law Enforcement Equipment Program will continue to loan equipment to local law enforcement agencies, major replacements and repairs will be precluded.
- There will be no reduction in the number of Highway Patrol-Division of Drug and Crime Control officers or road patrol officers.
- Due to the rate at which veterans are currently entering the newest veterans home facilities, the Missouri Veterans' Commission will be able to realize substantial general revenue savings. Should the fill rate increase beyond current expectations, funds can be released to accommodate the additional residents.